मास्टर जनरल फिर से मूल्यांकन कर रहे है । जिसके अप्रैल, 1988 में पूर्ण होने की संभावना है । इस बदली हुई परिस्थितियो में, इन रिक्तियों पर स्टाफ की भर्ती करने तथा साथ ही ग्रुप-घ की रिक्तियो को भरने के लिए तत्पश्चात् ही कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

(ग) केवल वरिष्ठता ही मानदड नही है । अतिरिक्त विभागीय कर्मचारियो को भी विभागीय लिखित परीक्षा में अर्हता प्राप्त करनी होती है ।

STD facility in district headquarters

1945. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to connect all the district headquarters in the country by Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD);

(b) if so, what is the number of district headquarters not connected by STD till 31st January, 1988; and

(c) by when all the district headquarters will be connected by STD?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Government has plans to connect all the district headquarters to their respective State Capitals through STD.

(b) 187, Sir.

(c) Although all the district headquarters have been planned to be provided with this facility by the end of the 7th plan, it is likely that some of them will spill over to the next plan.

Use of natural gas for power generation

1946. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several experts in the field of energy have urged Government to utilize natural gas for power generation in the country;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct thorough research in the field; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Natural gas is being used, *inter alia*, for power generation in Assam, Tripura, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Commitments of gas for this purpose have been made in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, U.P. and Tamil Nadu.

Petrochemical Plant in the Cauveri Basin

1947. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up a petrochemical plant in the Cauveri Basin; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Connceting Bombay with direct telephone line with other cities in Maharashtra

1948. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of the towns or cities in Maharashtra which are likely to be connected to Bombay by direct telephone during the year 1988?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Names of towns/Cities in Maharashtra which are likely to be connected on STD network are given below. Bombay is already on STD network.

Alibagh, Dhule, Gadchiroli; Jalna; Kudal, Latur, Nanded and Osmanabad.

Survey for Oil Exploration by USSR

1949. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 596 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Soviet assistance has been sought to carry out survey of oil deposits in the area of Cambay basin and Himalayan region and whether a Russian Professor Aleaounder Yamshim, an expert in Geophysical Sciences has given any opinion in this regard; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the assistance and the details of the opinion given by Prof. Yamshim in this regard and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Soviet assistance has been obtained under bilateral arrangements for exploration of hydrocarbons in the on-shore areas, including Himalayan region and Cambay Basin, of the country.

The Russian Prof. A. L. Yamshin had carried out a detailed study on the geo-tectonics of Eurasia. The megastructures depicted by him in his tectonic map has an indirect bearing on hydrocarbon prospect analysis of Himalayan region and Cambay Basin.

The Soviet side has rendered technical assistance in the analysis of available geological and geo-physical data of Himalayan foot-hill belt and drilling of Cheri Well No. 1 in Himachal Pradesh.

In the Cambay Basin, an intensive integrated exploration project has been undertaken with Soviet assistance as per work programme given below:—

Seismic Survey (GLK)	3100
No. of Wells	26
Total meterage	54000

Consumption of Petrol

1950. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of consumption of petrol has been on the increase for the past five years despite Government's policy to reduce it;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the expected quantity of annual import for petroleum products for the coming five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Although measures for conservation in the use of petroleum products, including petrol continue to be undertaken, the rate of growth in demand for motor spirit has had a generally increasing trend in the last five years.

(b) The main reason for increase in consumption of petrol has been the gradual increase in the population of petrol driven vehicles in the country.

(c) The import requirements of petroleum products is assessed every